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1. Why is it inaccurate to think of the Bible as a "book," despite what the word "bible" means?
 2. What problems with interpreting or understanding the Bible arise from the fact that it was only transmitted in manuscript form for most of its existence?
 3. Name the two materials out of which biblical manuscripts were made and briefly describe each of them.
 4. Explain the difference between a scroll and a codex.
 5. What is the Masoretic Text, and what is its significance in terms of reliable transmission of the text of the Bible?

6. What are the Dead Sea Scrolls? What is their relevance to Biblical scholarship?

7. What is "scriptio continua," and why is it relevant to biblical interpretation?

8. What is the significance of the emperors Diocletian and Constantine I to the development of the biblical canon?

9. It is sometimes the case that authors of biblical books make reference to scripture/s. Why can this be problematic?

10. When were the three divisions of the Hebrew Bible canonized, and in response to what historical circumstances?